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SUBJECT: MORTUARY FACILITIES - U.S. CITIZEN DEATH CASES

1. EMBASSY HAS RECENTLY BEEN INFORMED BY THE U.S. NAVAL HOSPITAL, TAIPEI, REPUBLIC OF CHINA, THAT THE U.S. ARMY MORTUARY AT NAHA, OKINAWA, IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED DUE TO SERIOUS ILLNESS OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE FACILITY. EMBASSY FURTHER ADVISED THAT SERVICES FORMALLY PROVIDED BY THE MORTUARY FACILITY IN NAHA FOR PREPARATION OF REMAINS AND SHIPMENT TO THE UNITED STATES OF DECEASED AMCITS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE U.S. AIR FORCE MORTUARY, 465 AIR BASE WING (SBM), YOKOTA AIR BASE, JAPAN.

2. THE MORTUARY FACILITY AT YOKOTA AIR BASE HAS INFORMED THE NAVAL HOSPITAL HERE THAT PAYMENT FOR PREPARATION AND SHIPMENT OF REMAINS OF AMCITS MUST BE MADE THROUGH U.S. EMBASSY, TOKYO, BY TRANSMITTAL OF FUNDS USING EMBASSY TAIPEI'S "MILITARY TRANSFER CODE NUMBER".

3. NAVAL HOSPITAL, TAIPEI, IS PREPARED TO SHIP THE REMAINS OF A U.S. CITIZEN, WHO RECENTLY DIED IN TAIPEI, TO THE MORTUARY FACILITY AT YOKOTA AIR BASE. THEY HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE YOKOTA MORTUARY, MR. CODY, THAT PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF U.S. DOLS 1,200.00 UNCLASSIFIED

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MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE U.S. EMBASSY, TAIPEI, TAIWAN, ROC, AND THEN TRANSFERRED THROUGH FISCAL MEANS (MILITARY TRANSFER CODE NUMBER) TO U.S. EMBASSY, TOKYO. EMBASSY'S BUDGET AND FISCAL OFFICE HAS BEEN CONSULTED CONCERNING TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE SUGGESTED MANNER AND ADVISES THAT EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE A TRANSFER CODE NUMBER, FURTHER THAT PAYMENT TO U.S. MILITARY FACILITY COULD BE

HANDLED MERELY BY FORWARDING A CHECK PAYABLE TO US EMBASSY,
TOKYO, FOR NEGOTIATION AND SUBSEQUENT FORWARDING CASH OR
CHECK PAYMENT TO THE APPROPRIATE U.S. MILITARY COLLECTION
OFFICE.

4. NAVAL HOSPITAL, TAIPEI, HAS BEEN GIVEN INSTRUCTION
NOT RPT NOT TO SHIP REMAINS TO YOKOTA AIR BASE WITHOUT
INCLUDING THE MILITARY TRANSFER CODE NUMBER ON THE
NECESSARY SHIPPING FORMS. THE ONLY CODE NUMBER AVAILABLE
TO EMBASSY IS THAT OF U.S. DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE
(HIATW1). ATTACHE OFFICE HAS BEEN CONSULTED AND HAS
NO OBJECTION TO USE OF THEIR TRANSFER CODE PROVIDING
NO RPT NO BILL IS CHARGED TO THE ACCOUNT.

5. EMBASSY IS IN POSSESSION OF A PERSONAL CHECK FROM
THE DECEASED NEXT-OF-KIN IN THE AMOUNT OF U.S. DOLS
1,200.00 PAYABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY (BLANK SPACE PROVIDED
TO ADD EITHER TAIPEI, OR TOKYO WHICHEVER APPROPRAITE).

6. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY TOKYO CONTACT MR. CODY
AT YOKOTA AIR BASE AND DETERMINE WHAT FORM OF PAYMENT
IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE AIR FORCE MORTUARY. EMBASSY WOULD
ALSO APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE CONCERNING FUTURE DEALINGS
WITH THE YOKOTA MORTUARY FACILITY.

FYI. NAVAL HOSPITAL, TAIPEI, HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT
YOKOTA IN PAST TWO DAYS DUE TO MILITARY CABLE DIFFICULTIES
WHICH HAS DISRUPTED AUTOVON SYSTEM.

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